"LO A VOICE FROM HEAVEN"

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ALL NATIONS — MATT. 28:19.

EVERY CREATURE — MARK. 16:15

CLEVELAND, TENN.

GOD IS LOVE

THE PILLAR — EPH. 2:20

THE TRUTH — I TIM. 3:15

A HUMBLE HEART

I would not ask Thee that my days
  Should flow quite smoothly on and on,
Lest I should learn to love the world
  Too well, ere all my time was done.

I would not ask Thee that my work
  Should never bring me pain nor fear,
Lest I should learn to work alone,
  And never wish Thy presence near.

I would not ask Thee that my friends
  Should always kind and constant be,
Lest I should learn to lay my faith
  In them alone, and not in Thee.

But I would ask a humble heart,
  A changeless will to work and wake,
A firm faith in Thy providence,
  The rest—'tis Thine to give or take.

—*Alfred Norris.*

THE GROUND OF

"The fear of the Lord is the instruction of wisdom; and before honour is humility," Prov. 15:33.

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TRUESDELL

Notices

An Apology

This is to inform all concerned that we have fully seen our mistake in leaving the Church of God and sympathizing with the so-called readjustment element created by H. W. Poteat. We humbly ask the forgiveness of all. It is our desire to be reinstated in the Church of God and do our part to promote its work.—Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Kimball.

I have been pastoring for the last four years, but am now on the evangelistic field and will answer calls anywhere. If you want me for a revival, write me at this address: General Delivery, Drumright, Okla.—Paul J. Brown.

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Anyone having old Evangels, Lighted Pathways, song books, discarded Bibles, or any good literature, I would appreciate it very much if you would send them to me as I use them in street services. I thank the folks for what they have done. —J. B. Weeks, Rt. 2, Jesup, Ga.

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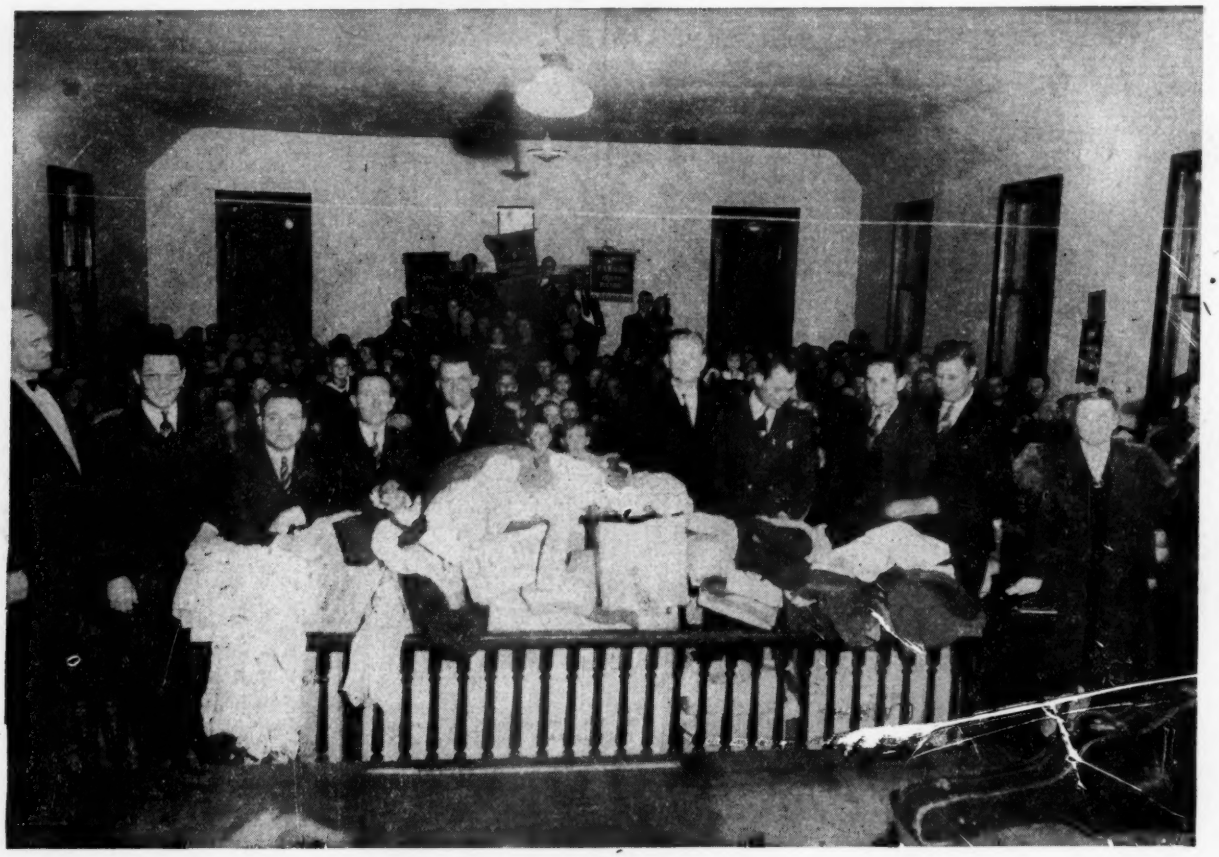
To whom it may concern: Rev. K. J. Hensley has gone to California and Brother T. D. Mooneyham, of 2114 N. Ione St., Shawnee, Okla., will take his place as state superintendent of Sunday school and Y. P. E. work. Brother Mooneyham is a very able singing school teacher. If any of the churches in Oklahoma desire to have him teach singing in your church, write him at the above address.—H. D. Williams, state overseer of Oklahoma, Box 903, Maud, Okla.

Many talk who have nothing to say, while someone who really has much to say that should be said that is worth saying is forced to keep still until the talking machine runs down and there is no one to talk to.



A TALKING PICTURE—This picture tells us:

1. That this is a scene where at least a few hundred Church of God men and women, as well as friends, are assembled at Elizabethton, Tenn., in sincere worship.

2. This large pile of clothes in the foreground says, "Here are over 800 garments valued at $130.00. This offering is for our converts to Christianity in foreign countries."

3. Reading from left to right is the host pastor, C. E. McAfee; Harry Kutz, Johnson City pastor; B. E. Ellis, the happy district overseer of the Johnson City district, and pastor at Kingsport; then W. I. Head, pastor at Valley Forge; Homer Johnson, pastor at Erwin; Evangelist M. M. Mortenson; J. W. Maness, pastor at Bristol; W. C. Weaver, pastor at Bridges Chapel; James D. Humphrey, former pastor at Unicoi, and Rev. Mrs. Tilda Oxendine, district Y. P. E. and Sunday school superintendent.

The expression on their faces is indicative of justifiable pride over having accomplished a good work for missions and at the same time a sense of gratitude to the Lord for having given them such a privilege.

Then fourth and last, this background of smiling faces is saying, "We had a hand in this and we are just as happy as those preachers standing up there."

Let us all keep happy by working wholeheartedly for missions.—J. D. Bright, overseer of Tennessee.

Why God Chose Speaking in Tongues as the Initial Evidence of the Holy Spirit, Or Did He?

BY J. W. ARCHER

(Continued from last issue)

Proof No. IV—Paul was working as a traveling evangelist that year—didn't get in on the appointments—and he showed up in Ephesus. He finally found the local church down across the tracks—they hadn't bothered to put any notices in the local paper nor in the phone book. God would send the people in—if God or the people could find the church. He found an old man working around the yard who proved to be the pillar and foundation and roof and brakes of the church. Paul said, "I'm a Pentecostal preacher." The old man said, "You look like one of that starved lot." Paul said, "How's the chances of preaching here tonight?" The old man said, scratching his chin whiskers, "Well, I don't reckon you could make things any worse than they are. But I'm warnin' ye, there won't be no offerings."

So after a cold song service and a "forty-year-ago" testimony service, Paul began to preach, and all he got was cold stares from the twelve men and handful of women and children. He shouted and he stamped, he shed tears and waved his arms, but the more he cavorted the more they stared. Finally Paul stopped in the middle of his sermon and said, "Say! have you folks 'received the Holy Ghost since you believed'?" (Acts 19:2.) The old man rose slowly to his feet and said, "Eh, Brother Paul?" Paul said, "The Holy Ghost! Have you received the Holy Ghost since you believed?" The old man, clearly puzzled, said, "The what, Brother Paul?" This time Paul shouted it, "The Holy Ghost and fire, Brother! That's what you fellows need!" The old man still puzzled, but willing to be shown, said, "Why, Paul, we ain't even so much as heerd whether there be any Holy Ghost!" (Acts 19:2.) So then Paul knew he was on the right track and after he had explained the whole thing to them he baptized them, the Holy Ghost filled them, and they "spake with tongues and prophesied" (V. 6).

What more proof need we give that when folks received the Holy Ghost in Bible times they spoke with other tongues? And what better could we do than to accept the example of the great scholarly teacher of the New Testament, that man filled with wisdom and the power of God, who, after he was baptized with the Holy Ghost (Acts 9:17), said, "I thank my God I speak with tongues more than ye all" (1 Cor. 14:18), and who said, "I would that ye all spake with tongues," V. 5. But, as is evidenced, the speaking with other tongues has been chosen by the Lord as the initial evidence that one has received the Holy Spirit, then at once rises the age-old question—WHY?

Now we realize that faith does not ask why; that faith is believing before seeing, and for this reason God demands many acts of faith on our part without telling us why. That His Word gives us proof that this is His plan and will, is an all-sufficient reason, yet one of the deepest of all human characteristics is to want to know WHY. It is first manifest in the baby beginning to talk. "Mamma, why? Daddy, why?" is heard a thousand times from the baby lips, and the trait persists throughout life. If we are supposed to do a certain thing we want to know why we are supposed to do it. Once satisfied as to the "why" then we feel we can proceed with intelligent enthusiasm. God, recognizing this trait, especially in the unconvinced, tells us to "be ready ALWAYS to give an answer to every man that asketh you a REASON of the hope that is in you—" (1 Pet. 3:15). This reasoning form of preaching embodied much of Paul's message.

First reason—It is the only one of the nine gifts that man cannot claim to duplicate in the natural. This is an age of mind worship, as God prophesied. (Dan. 12:4; 2 Tim. 3:1-7. Note V. 7; 4:1-4.) All false religions claim the power of the mind, making the mind as God. (2 Thess. 2:8-12.) The gift of healing? Power of mind over matter—think you're well and you will be well. Miracles? Under the same listing—if you concentrate strongly enough, you can even do miracles. Discernment? (They never notice that it says "discerning of SPIRITS.") Why sure! I have lots of discernment. I can just read people's minds, and my first judgments are nearly always right. Man refuses to recognize that these are divine gifts, supernaturally bestowed and operated. He will not acknowledge the supernatural in this age. But the gift of TONGUES! That stumps him. Oh, it is true that a few unthinking, unintelligent willfully blind opposers will say that we just work ourselves into an emotional pitch and rattle off a lot of unintelligible gibberish. But the thinking man knows that there are multiplied thousands of proven examples where the recipient of the manifestation spoke in a known language with which he was in no way familiar. For example, three of our Mexicans in one night spoke in clear English and prophesied the soon coming of Jesus. None of them knew a word of English.

When your neighbor, whom you have known for forty years, and you know that he can't even talk good English, suddenly begins to talk in a foreign language, it either thrills or scares you, one of the two, and you are forced to confess that it is a supernatural manifestation. You may say it's of the devil, but at least you admit it's supernatural! And that's what God wants in this mind-worshiping age, when no man wishes to admit there is anything more supernatural than the mind of man. Those with any yearning at all toward God will confess that it is indeed the power of God. "Wherefore tongues are for a sign, not to them that believe, but to them that believe not" (1 Cor. 14:22).

Second reason—The tongue is the most wicked, cruelest, most destructive and uncontrollable member of the human make-up. More lives are destroyed by the tongue than by sickness. One long-tongued church member, with the tongue fastened in the middle and loose on both ends, can do more harm by far in the community than the worst drunkard.

James 3:1-8 tells us what the tongue is. Verse 6 says it is a "a world of iniquity—it defiles the whole body—setteth on fire the course of nature—(that is, with the tongue all of the passions of anger, hate, lust, etc., can be aroused in a man)—and it is set on fire of hell." Verse two tells us that if a man can control his tongue he is a PERFECT man. What a wonderful thought! But verse 8 tells us that no man can control the tongue! Verses 4 and 7 tell us that man has tamed nearly everything moving—but he is whipped when it comes to his tongue. Isaiah said, when he caught a true glimpse of the Lord, "Woe is me! for I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips—" (Isa. 6:5). Paul said, "For what I would, that I do not; but what I hate, that do I" (Rom. 7:15). But Isaiah found a remedy in the coals from off the altar, purifying his lips, a type of the purifying fire of the Holy Ghost; and Paul found a remedy in the same source,

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Editorially Speaking

Martin's Fork Love

AT a recent dedication of a beautiful church in the southern part of the State of Kentucky, an undertaker spoke at length on changing conditions. He gave a very eloquent address which was centered around the phrase "Martin's Fork love." The speaker was born at Martin's Fork in Harlan County, Kentucky. His mind went back to the good old days when if one of the neighbors had a burn-out, the rest of them got together, cut down trees, rolled logs, and rebuilt his home. The same neighborly affection was shown in other calamities. Regardless of what befell one of the Martin's Fork community, the rest of them were ready to help, and the call which was back of all this was styled by the speaker "Martin's Fork love," and he longed again for the day when such love was manifest. There is no deeper thought than the thought of love but community love and neighborhood love change with communities and neighborhoods.

The old-fashioned community hardly exists any more. In those days a community was a world of its own, but in these progressive days it is a very small fleck in a great world which has been made small by modern communication, modern transportation, and modern dispensing of knowledge; but the love of God does not change and if it is planted deep in the heart of man, it continues to blossom forth and bear fruit. That love reaches farther than the community, farther than the county, farther than the state or even the nation, for in Christ the neighborhood has been made to include all nations, races, kindreds, and tongues. This love is not a love manifested in words only but in deed and in truth. It is not a love prompted by a spirit of showmanship but comes from a pure heart and is manifested with purity of purpose. The Apostle Peter described this love as being "unfeigned love" and states that such love is brotherly, pure, and fervent. It is this impartial love that will establish the Church and win the world for God.

"He Looked For a City"

By T. O. Chisholm

"He looked for a city"—God's Abraham did—
Through all the meandering earth-ways he trod,
One having foundations, well-laid and secure,
A city "whose builder and maker is God."

"He looked for a city!" Its walls and its towers
In glorious outline by faith he could see;
Thus looking, he steadied his on-marching soul,
Confessing himself but a stranger to be.

"He looked for a city!" He gained it at length,
The years of his pilgrimage now at an end;
The gates of that city God flung open wide
And welcomed His servant, as friend greeteth friend.

"He looked for a city!" That vision be mine!
So oft, beyond measure, my spirit is pressed;
Mine eyes be anointed, that I, too, may see
The lights from God's city of rapture and rest!

—Moody Monthly.

Pure Honey Without Wax

ONE of the general officials of the Church of God had just delivered a discourse on "Sincerity and Truth." A lady in the congregation who had been overwhelmed with the growth and progress of the Church, exclaimed to the pastor, "The marvelous growth of the Church of God is not to be wondered at when sincerity in leadership, in the ministry and the laity is so outstanding."

That which is built upon hypocrisy cannot long endure without being detected. This was signified by Job when he said, "Can the rush grow up without mire? can the flag grow without water? Whilst it is yet in his greenness, and not cut down, it withereth before any other herb. So are the paths of all that forget God; and the hypocrite's hope shall perish," Job 8:11-13.

In writing to the church at Corinth, in his first epistle, chapter 5 and verse 8, Paul said, "Therefore let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, neither with the leaven of malice and wickedness; but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth." The life of a Christian and his devotion to God should be purged of all adulteration, leaving him sincere in all of his deliberations. The word "sincere" in its deepest meaning implies "unmixed." Pure honey without any wax in the Christian experience should mean all of the sweetness that goes with old time religion, separated from all adulterations that would discolor it or keep it from being effective in the salvation of souls.

The Christian Soldier

I was speeding southward on the New Orleans Express No. 41 and was seated by a soldier of New York. "How do you like the Army?" I asked. "Oh, it is not so bad," he answered. "I had a real good job, of more than $200 a month, and, of course, I hated to leave that, but after all, I'm all out for my country." "Well, what money you make will be clear and you can save the most of it to use when you return," I said. "No, I do not need it," he said. "When I return I will have plenty. My mother has left me an estate of more than $65,000 which will be mine when I come back to the States."

The Christian soldier has just about that kind of feeling. He must leave the things of the world, for "no man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life; that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier," 2 Tim. 2:4. Thus the position of a Christian soldier is an all-out-for-God. When the last battle of the conflict has been fought he shall return to an inheritance provided by an elder brother, the Captain of his salvation. This inheritance is not fleeting but eternal in the heavens, with a crown that fadeth not away.

The testimony of a soldier who enlisted in the army, conquered the foe, won the victory, and was ready to go to his

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Church Has Phenomenal Growth on Atlanta District

BY E. L. SIMMONS

Rev. G. R. Watson

I picked up the newspaper at the home of Rev. G. R. Watson, Atlanta, Ga., and glancing at the Saturday church page I saw under the head "Church of God" eight different local churches and their services advertised. On inquiry I found that a regular church reporter had been appointed for the district and that the activities of all the churches in or around Atlanta were kept up with and regularly reported, and this perhaps explains why there are so many churches in and around Atlanta to report.

Four years ago Brother Watson opened a tent meeting at Riverside. God marvelously blessed the efforts and at the close of the revival a church was set in order, the pastorate of which he accepted. Sometime later, he with his wife, organized a Soul Winners' Band and set a definite goal for converts during the year. Every effort in missions, tent meetings, and prayer meetings was made for the salvation of souls. God marvelously blessed the work and while the church at Riverside grew, they were also able to accomplish work outside of the local church. As a result of this praying Soul Winners' Band, two churches have been set in order in the Atlanta district, one at Roswell, where they have just completed a beautiful church at a cost of $3,500. A great deal of the money for this project was raised at the Riverside church but those who had been converted at Roswell put their shoulders to the wheel also and the great mountain was moved. A church has also been established at Avondale, where the Lord is also graciously pouring out His blessings. Two missions are also maintained by the Riverside church, one on Marvin Street, Riverside, the other at College Park.

During the four years, the Riverside church has increased to two hundred and twenty members. Fifteen of these are ministers and are constantly being sent out by the Soul Winners' Band. They attend church services at the Riverside church on Sunday morning and each of them go to their respective fields of labor in the evening. The pastor says he doesn't mind their being away from the Sunday night service so long as they are working for God and opening up new fields of activity.

The Riverside church is also sponsoring a tent revival at Dallas at present and expects to continue its work in this field.

The LeFevre Trio

The Hemphill Avenue Church

As we raced toward Atlanta on the Royal Palm Saturday evening, we were engaged by the flagman in conversation, who asked, "Are you a preacher?" "Yes," I replied. "What kind of a preacher?" he asked. "Church of God," was the reply. "Do you know H. L. Whittington?" he further inquired. "Yes, indeed," I said. "Do you know him?" Then to my surprise he said, "There is nobody in or around Atlanta but what knows this man. I have never seen him but I sit at my radio and listen to him every Sunday."

The work of Brother Whittington in Atlanta has certainly been phenomenal. During the past two years he has constructed a beautiful church building at a cost of more than $20,000. It is located on the beautiful Highway No. 41 East going into Atlanta. He has recently constructed a beautiful manse at a cost of $8,000. He has spent $13,000 in radio services in the last two years. All moneys raised amounted to more than $52,000 in two years. During this time there has been an addition of two hundred and fifty-two members to the church.

The church on Hemphill Avenue also has two new churches to its credit. Through the radio ministry of Brother Whittington a church was set in order at Griffith, Ga., which now has a nice building and is being taken care of by its own pastor. His radio ministry has also resulted in a nice church being set in order at Monroe, Ga. As a result of the services as rendered by Brother Whittington and his workers, the pastor of this church wrote to Brother Whittington to come down and take his church in and when he did so, not only the church but the preacher and all came into the Church of God.

The Hemphill church has been very fortunate in having the services of the best in radio talent. The LeFevre Trio has been with Brother Whittington during the larger part of his ministry in Atlanta and the demand for their singing has grown until now they are under contract at $150 a week for fifteen minutes a day. The church also has a young quartet which sings under the

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Rev. H. L. Whittington

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D. H. Delk

Revenge

"The chief priests accused him of many things, but he answered nothing."

Revenge means to get even with, avenge, retaliate.

Revenge is a virtue of the savage.

To claim freedom from all desire of revenge is one thing, but to be free is quite another.

"He that studieth revenge keepeth his wounds green, which otherwise would heal and do well." (*Bacon*)

It is a dangerous joy to rejoice over the adversity of an enemy. Read Prov. 24:17, 18: "He that is glad at calamities shall not be unpunished or held innocent."

It is manly to resent and revenge injury, but it is godly to forgive and pass over.

Revenge is part of the Adamic sin. Surely the serpent was taking revenge, trying to get even with God when he trapped Eve. No doubt revenge prompted Cain, and it has come on down to this day. Only the blood of Calvary will destroy it.

Some people's greatest ambition is to see the day when they can get even with So and So. Yes, when they can rub it in good. They think that will be pleasure, and it will be FOR THE DEVIL.

I heard of a boy saying his greatest ambition was to wash his mother's face.

Revenge will have satisfaction regardless of honesty or innocence. It cut one innocent man's head off.

Now preachers can be tempted with this sin, for they are not immune to this trial. No sir, the devil has special demons to plant revenge germs, and if he can plant one in a preacher's heart, he knows it will play havoc somewhere. Honest now, preacher, was that tithe (or any) sermon free from all revenge? Did you laugh up your sleeve because you got their old hide? Oh how easy it is to take advantage of the pulpit to get even with that old tightwad, gossiper, slowpoke, etc.! (Now I know, but I am glad there is forgiveness with the Lord.)

A mad dog makes another dog mad.

Revenge is fighting the devil with his own tools. Our weapons are not carnal (2 Cor. 10:4,).

And what about a laymember that, because he never voted for their pastor, or he won't let them dictate to him, or he doesn't like his preaching, etc., will withhold his tithes, poundings, offerings, and cooperation. Well, such revenge will become a boomerang, and come back with compound interest.

I heard of a congregation that was elated over getting rid of their pastor (who was assigned the position as chaplain at a state prison) and they turned out in a great number; but he wanted a little revenge also, so he took for his farewell text, "I go to prepare a place for you, that where I am there you may be also." "He reviled not again."

Weekly Question Box

Question: Will you please tell me when the dispensation of grace began? Did it begin with John the Baptist and Jesus or at the day of Pentecost? Please give scriptures to prove.—Mrs. J. J. M.

Answer: The question is a good one and after all there is no better answer to any question than the Word of God. Let us consider, first, Rom. 10:4, "For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth. For Moses describeth the righteousness which is of the law, That the man which doeth those things shall live by them." Then let us also notice Gal. 3:19, 24-26, "Wherefore then serveth the law? It was added because of transgressions, till the seed should come to whom the promise was made; and it was ordained by angels in the hand of a mediator. Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith. But after that faith is come, we are no longer under a schoolmaster, for ye are all children of God by faith in Jesus Christ." In Luke 16:16 we have the words of Jesus, "The law and the prophets were until John: since that time the kingdom of God is preached, and every man presseth into it." John the Baptist did not preach himself or his own righteousness, or set himself forth as the beginner of a new dispensation or religion, but he declared the office of Christ which makes Christ the beginner of the new dispensation.

In the Epistle to the Hebrews, chapter 8, verses 6 and 7, we find, "But now hath he obtained a more excellent ministry, by how much also he is the mediator of a better covenant, which was established upon better promises. For if that first covenant had been faultless, then should no place have been sought for the second." The New Testament plan of salvation is God's will to us and is Christ-centered, not Pentecost-centered; therefore, we have these very strong remarks. Heb. 12:2, "Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith," and Heb. 13:8 states, "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and forever."

Question: Will you please give a full explanation of 1 Cor. 11:16?—Mrs. L. M.

Answer: We have had several questions along this line but have felt indisposed so far to answer, however at this time we are giving some quotations which will possibly help in analyzing this verse. It must be remembered that the apostle Paul is talking to a group of people who had become divided and contentious. He was trying to get them together. The context will prove this to be true. The scripture referred to in the King James Version reads, "But if any man seem to be contentious, we have no such custom, neither the churches of God." A word for word translation of the Greek reads, "But if any one thinks contentious to be, we such custom have not for the assemblies of God." The Weymouth Translation reads, "But if any one is inclined to be contentious on the point, we have no such custom, nor have the churches of God." The Moffatt's Translation, says, "If any one presume to raise objections on this point—well, I acknowledge no other mode of worship, and neither do the churches of God." In verse 14 Paul calls attention to the fact that nature itself should teach men how to do on this line, and appeals to their common sense against contention and division.

Deaths

HALL

My precious mother, Mrs. W. H. Hall, departed this life March 5, 1942, to be with Jesus. She was seventy-seven years old October 29, 1941. She was an invalid for about sixteen years, also a devoted Christian and a sweet mother to me. — Mrs. Sallie Thompson, R.F.D. 1, Gainesville, Ga.

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HIGHTOWER

Brother A. N. Hightower went home to be with Jesus April 25, 1942. He was eighty-four years of age and had been a loyal member of the Church of God at Ages, Ky., for over twenty years.—One who loved him, Richard Lunsford, Ages, Ky.

Foreign Missions

THE WORK ON ST. VINCENT, BARBADOS, B. W. I.

By J. B. Winter

I have just returned from my visit to the Island St. Vincent. After some delay and uncertainty in getting away from here, I was able to secure passage on a small ninety-ton steamboat which made the 120-mile journey in seventeen hours. Our craft surely did some reeling, but got us safely there Saturday, the 14th. I then had to take a bus out seventeen miles in the country to Diamond Village where my work was to begin. Sunday morning at 8:30 we had a baptismal service, when eight were buried with their Lord in water baptism. At 9:30 we were in the meeting room for Sunday school, where I was able to address about seventy children and young people. After the Sunday school we had a reception service, when eight new members were added to the church. After this I preached to a nice gathering and had an altar call for consecration when a goodly number responded, and we closed the morning services at 3 p. m. After a little rest and refreshments we were back for the night service which commenced at 7 p. m. We had a crowded house, and the power of God came down upon the people. We had the joy of seeing seven earnest seekers coming to God for salvation from sin.

Monday night we had meeting at Lowman's Village about four miles away, where we had a nice meeting and a good hearing. Tuesday night we were at Biabou Village, where Evangelist I. Smith is the pastor. Here we also had a wonderful crowd, closing with three earnest seekers.

Wednesday we left early in the morning by bus for Kingston, where we took a launch for Chatabelair, some fifteen miles down the other side of the Island. Rain had been falling all day, and we arrived at Chatabelair about 6 p. m. and were only able to have a prayer meeting that night. Thursday I was able to walk miles through the country looking the field over, and at night we had a large open-air service, as our room there is very small. We had hundreds in our congregation, closing with fifteen seeking salvation.

Friday we went to visit other nearby places, and at night we had another mass open-air meeting in the park, which resulted in thirty-six people bowing at our altar in the open air, some for healing, others for salvation, and some seeking spiritual help.

Sunday we again commenced the day with a baptismal service when nine were buried with their Lord in water baptism. We had nine o'clock Sunday school, and then reception of new members. In the afternoon we had open-air Sunday school with nearly one hundred present. At 6 p. m. we had communion service, and at 7 p. m. we went back to the park for night service, and nearly every person in the village must have been present. What a crowd we had, and God gave great liberty in preaching the Word. At the close we had the joy of witnessing forty-one seekers calling upon God. Thus during the five days at Chatabelair we had seen one hundred bow in our meetings. To God be all the glory.

My soul is stirred as I think of the great opportunities before us in St. Vincent. We must go forward with our message to the workers there, Evangelists Green and Smith, Brother Corbin, and Sisters Harris and Priam.

The poverty of the people in St. Vincent is simply appalling, many of them having only one garment to put on, very little work, and wages nine, ten, and twelve cents a day, so you can see that raising money in St. Vincent certainly is a problem. I was able, however, to organize three churches, one at Diamond with fifteen baptized members and many followers, at Biabou one with twelve bap-

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Please Join Me in Prayer For Cuba

Although I haven't been a missionary in a long time, I've been thinking of the foreign mission field very much. Recently the Lord inspired me to make a visit to Cuba. He so graciously provided for me that I cannot doubt Him in the matter. More than two hundred towns, probably half of the Island, have not been evangelized. We have contributed many thousands of dollars and some of our best ministers to the Bahamas and Jamaica but as the priest and Levite of old, we passed on by the other side and have done nothing for a neighborly nation so near. I have been in four foreign countries and I think Cuba is the neediest mission field of the four. Please join me in prayer that the Lord will send more laborers into the field and mention Cuba in your prayers.—Wm. Auten.

This is a young people's meeting in Mexico City. Yes, they have Y. P. E. there, too.

District Conventions

District Convention, Willow City, N. Dakota

The first of the annual series of district conventions in North Dakota is now history. Since the five churches comprising the district expand over a wide territory, it seemed wise to convene at North Portal, April 18 and 19, and at Willow City, April 20 and 21.

Predominating throughout these services was a spirit of unity and cooperation, which brought God's presence near to edify and bless souls—some with salvation, and all with new zeal and determination to trust God more completely in these closing days of time.

Well-balanced programs were arranged by our capable state overseer, Brother Glyndon Logsdon, to especially benefit ministers, Sunday school workers, laity and visitors.

As guest speaker, Brother Frank Lemons, of Lynnville, Iowa, an ex-state overseer of North Dakota, added a special treat. Although we have always appreciated Brother Lemon's ministry, he seemed to be at his very best in these meetings. Simplicity, power, and tenderness were characteristic of his messages, and a sincere heart-searching prevailed in the altar services.

In charge of the mission services, Brother Logsdon secured a generous response in money by refreshing our hearts and minds concerning the great commission of our Lord Jesus, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel."

Climaxing each of these meetings was the opportunity for church membership, when seventeen stepped out to align themselves with the great Church of God, many of these being heads of families. It seemed as though the very angels must have rejoiced with us to receive these re-enforcements to help carry out God's great purpose of spreading the gospel through the medium of the Church.

Special music was not lacking during these services; singing hearts, combined with musical talent, brought heaven into our midst and we enjoyed the very best. Responsible for much of this blessed music were Sisters Ralph Brostrum and Henrietta Sanders, as pianists and soloists, several trios from Lignite, and the evangelistic quartet of Willow City.

Last, but not least worthy of mention, are the members of the entertainment committee, Brother and Sister J. A. Rafferty, pastor of Willow City, and Brother and Sister James Reesor, pastor of North Portal, with the cooperation of church members and friends. There was no lack of hospitality. Brother J. Andrew Rafferty is district overseer of these churches.—Ruby Thompson, state Sunday school and Y. P. E. superintendent.

E. St. Louis District Convention

The E. St. Louis district convention convened May 17-19 at East Alton Church of God, with our district pastor, Brother T. L. Forester, in charge. The Lord was with us from the beginning to the end. Special singing was rendered by Brother Oran White, Brother Tommie Day, E. St. Louis trio, and many others. Inspiring messages were given by the district and visiting ministers.

Brother H. R. Morehead, state overseer of Missouri, preached the mission sermon and a mission offering of $220.00 was received, for which we praise the Lord. Our convention was brought to a close by Brother H. O. Harris, state overseer of Illinois, giving general instructions.—Lula Mae Hobbs.

The Northwest Georgia Camp Meeting and Convention

Under the large state tent located on North Broad Street in the lovely city of Rome, the northwest Georgia camp meeting and convention convened for ten days of joyous worship of the Lord, May 7-17.

We were so happy to have Brother J. H. Walker, General Overseer, to speak at each of the evening services which were broadcast over radio station WRGA. His messages, filled with the power of the Holy Ghost, went to the hearts of the great congregation and night after night the long altar was filled with seekers hungry for God.

The morning and afternoon services were conducted by five district overseers, assisted by the pastors from their districts. Brother H. A. Griffin, LaFayette district overseer; Brother W. W. Ball, Carrollton district overseer; Brother S. W. Latimer, Dalton district overseer; Brother H. M. Duck, Calhoun district overseer, and Brother H. T. Durden, Rome district overseer, were all at their very best for the Lord.

One thought and one alone dominated the heart and mind of all, Let us go on to Pentecost! Let us go on to perfection. Let personal aims and personalities be swept away before the oncoming tide. The power fell in such copious deluges that the priests and the Lord's ministers could scarcely minister. Many were slain under the power at one time, till the

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floors were full of wheat and the vats overflowed with wine and oil. Every minister at the camp meeting caught a new vision of the great work that is commissioned to us to do. With hearts aflame, and with a new zeal to work as never before, the delegates left the camp meeting with a determination to pray and work for a great revival until all men shall know the power of this great salvation.—Linwood Jacobs.

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Westernport, Md., Dist. Convention

The Westernport district convention convened May 1-3. It was a success. We rented a big Methodist church in Piedmont, W. Va., for our convention. We had with us Rev. Boatwright, state overseer, Rev. Samuel Sallick, Rev. A. N. Jackson, Rev. Earl Marple, Rev. Rodeheaver, Rev. Robert Newton from the Dakotas, and Sister Vie. These were Church of God preachers. Then we also had with us Rev. Rath, Pentecostal preacher, Rev. Thomas, Pentecostal preacher, Rev. Brann, Rev. Trenum, and Rev. Kenneth Brann, Assembly preachers, Rev. Robertson and Rev. Wilkerson, Methodist preachers, and Rev. Bittinger, a Brethren preacher.

Friday evening we had a good devotional service. Several numbers were rendered by the Pentecostal quartet, Arthur quartet, Coffmen duet, trios, and solos. We enjoyed the music throughout the convention.

Wonderful and inspiring messages were delivered by Rev. Boatwright, Rev. A. N. Jackson, Rev. Rath, Rev. Brann, and Rev. Samuel Sallick, our Y. P. E. and Sunday school superintendent. Brother Boatwright spoke a few minutes on the orphans. We received $22.00 for the orphans.

Sunday morning Brother Sallick reviewed the Sunday school lesson, then Rev. Thomas preached a fine sermon. Sunday afternoon our state overseer preached on "Missions." God met with us in a wonderful way. We received $76.00 in the offering. Two were saved. There was a wonderful spirit throughout the convention.—Rev. Floyd A. Boger, district pastor.

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Huntington District Convention

In reporting the Huntington district convention, which convened at Huntington, W. Va., May 1-3, we state that we started our convention with somewhat of a misgiving spirit. We happened to be one of the districts which could only have the state overseer, Brother B. L. Hicks, for part time, due to the limited time between now and the state convention. Just having him for Friday night and Saturday morning seemed bad enough, but when he received a message that a son was sick, and he had to leave immediately after the Friday night service, we thought our convention would be below par for sure. However, with the help of the Lord, we decided to make the best of things and entered into our services with all the zeal possible. Friday night Brother Hicks presided and gave the church, particularly the ministry, some timely advice for these troublesome times. Other ministers speaking Friday night and Saturday were Brother Lester Matheny, of St. Albans, Brother Waller, of Catlettsburg, Ky., Brother Ezra Johnson, Brother George McDonald, and Brother W. E. Brewer.

Saturday evening, with Brother Cecil Bridges and wife present, the Y. P. E. gave their program, which was very inspiring, and the report of the state superintendent showed the Y. P. E. at Huntington had progressed very rapidly. Music and singing by the Stickler sisters, Sister Simmons, Brother and Sister Bridges and Sister Mary Burnett added much to the convention. Then came the high tide of the convention, which left the church feeling like it had been through a grand revival. Brother Hicks promised to send us a substitute to fill his place, so he arrived in time for the Saturday evening service. Brother J. C. McClendon, of Lester, W. Va., was the man. He was on fire for the Lord, and he just left the people spellbound by his wonderful message on "Christian Loyalty." Following this message Brother Bridges showed the pictures of the Missionary Trip to Haiti, which I am sure gave the Church a greater vision of the need in the foreign fields.

Sunday morning a great healing service was held, after which Brother Bridges spoke on "Sunday School Interests." This was followed by two inspiring messages by L. C. Davis and by C. B. Bledsoe. Brother McClendon spoke in behalf of the mission cause and the mission offering was then taken. Huntington district again went over the top. We had a grand total for the district, to date, of $281.97, with Huntington church alone giving $211.00. This was made possible through the tireless efforts of the pastor and district overseer, Rev. D. B. Hatfield, and a band of earnest coworkers. So we can report one of the most glorious and victorious district conventions we have ever had—both spiritually and financially—our thanks being due to God, our mighty Overseer, who gave us "the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."—Mrs. Lindsay C. Davis, convention clerk, 1229 26th St., Huntington, W. Va.

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Southeast Missouri District Convention

The Southeast Missouri district convention convened at the Vicksburg church, May 8-10. Rev. B. W. Elliott, district pastor, was in charge. Our convention was a great success. Large crowds attended each service and we think it was the best convention we have ever had. The Lord was with us in a glorious way.

Speakers during the convention were: Rev. H. R. Morehead, state overseer; Rev. Arlie Dorman, state S. S. and Y. P. E. supt.; Rev. Raymond Hall, pastor of Caruthersville; Rev. Harvey Parker, pastor of Vicksburg; Rev. Alva Price, of Little River; Rev. Art Dotson, pastor of Dudley; Rev. J. R. Lennings, pastor of Parma, and Rev. Earl Golden.

Out-of-state visitors here for the convention were: Rev. and Mrs. J. L. Dorman and family, of Marked Tree, Arkansas; Brother Ray and others, of Huffman, Arkansas; and Brother Younger, of Indiana, grandfather of Sister Morehead. We were very glad to have these visitors and welcome them back again.

We especially want to mention the message, "Signs of the Times," by our esteemed state overseer. It was a wonderful message. We think we have one of the best state overseers in the movement. I believe I can speak the sentiment of both ministers and laity in saying, "We are certainly appreciative of the work

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Idleness

"Others standing idle in the market place;" "Others standing idle" at the eleventh hour. Idleness denotes unconcern relative to the problems of spiritual things. Idleness shows disrespect for self, family, Savior and country.

In these times of urgent need, it has become almost a crime to be idle or not to be actively and usefully employed. Idleness at this time endangers citizenship and loved ones. Idleness with respect to spiritual things and work also endangers our heavenly citizenship and loved ones. Let us notice: "They stood idle in the marketplace." The marketplace is the world, yet in most every town, city and country there is a place where those who are idle gather for revelries of idle indulgence. The ministers who stand idle align themselves with the world and those who take the sacred call of the Savior as a thing of naught.

A question: Why stand ye idle? Our Savior was apparently surprised as to why men were not actively engaged in some useful livelihood. The answer: "No man hath hired us" is certainly a poor answer.

The Lord of the vineyard had gone out in the morning to hire laborers to work in His vineyard. Had these idlers been there they could have been at work early in the day. The minister who can find no place to work, does not listen to the call of the Holy Spirit. God calls none to preach whom He does not guide to a place of useful toil. The trouble is that many ministers and laborers do not want to toil.

The eleventh hour: The final hour of the day, the hour before sunset; this is so much like many preachers, they can idle all their life away most, and then fly into a rage about doing something when life is about all over. The eleventh hour signifies the close of the age of grace. Certainly we are now in the eleventh hour of the day of grace, a period when everyone who has had the call of the gospel should be actively engaged doing in some way the work of our Master.

Our pay: We will all most certainly be paid for our labors. He agrees to pay at least "a penny" each day. A possible reference to eternal life. No man may lay claim to pay who has not been hired, nor who has not actually worked.

Criticism: We are often very critical of the pay or multitudinous blessings the Lord bestows upon other laborers; and how little He has paid some others of us for our work. It is safe to say that none of us will get more out of our labors than we have put into our work. He that reapeth receiveth wages. John 4:36.

The Savior has looked all day long for laborers, and has hired all whom He found willing to go. Have you repented and become willing to go?—*E. C. Clark, state overseer, in The Voice.*

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Stepbrothers

Nazism in politics, and *Modernism* in religion—Germany is the mother of both. Out of this land of *Woden* and *Thor*, gods of war and thunder, come these messengers of iniquity, forerunners of the Beast and the False Prophet of Revelation 13.

What relationship do these offspring of Prussian philosophy hold? Are they related in any way other than by their common national motherhood? A blood test will show striking hereditary similarities, and their deeds are a revelation of the influence of their environment.

Both the political economy and the religious philosophy have definitely set themselves to destroy faith in Jesus Christ as the begotten Son of God. Both have sneered at the cross, ridiculed the infallibility of the Holy Scriptures, and degraded the sanctity of the Christian church. Both have subscribed to a system of materialistic infidelity that has sought the breakdown of Christian faith. Who will dare to deny these similarities?

Nothing served more to pave the way for Nazism in Germany than the materialistic teachings of her religious leaders. Nothing came nearer to breaking down America's appreciation for things worth while than this same near-pagan philosophy, which for at least twenty-five years has desecrated the popular pulpits of this nation. Had Modernism in religion been given another decade in which to ply its damnable heresy in this country, no power on earth could have saved America from collapse under such an attack as she is now enduring. Who knows but that God loved this land enough to permit this disastrous war to save her from a greater disaster—utter moral and religious ruin?

Nazism and Modernism—stepbrothers? Does the relationship stop with that? One of the sea of politics, a filthy mire-casting sea; the other of earth's religion; both from beneath; and both shall go back down.—*P. H. Advocate.*

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What Church Leaders Are Saying

Royal F. Munger, layman, financial editor of the Chicago Daily News: "If John D. Rockefeller could become the richest man in the world without ever touching a drop of alcohol, the plea that drinking is at any time necessary to business success must be flimsy indeed."

Pietro S. Moncada, pastor of Italian Reformed Church of Our Savior, Newburgh, N. Y.: "As we look at what we might call our mottled population, we should be careful not to consider it as a composite picture, but rather as a whole with a variety of shades which give it substance and meaning."

John Paul Williams, head of the department of the history and literature of religion at Mount Holyoke College: "Of all the motives which impel men none is stronger than that which leads a man to say, 'I do the will of God,' or 'I work in harmony with an eternal scheme of things.' "

Dorothy Canfield Fisher, lay woman, novelist: "Christians or not, if we have any ordinary common sense at all, we must realize that it is to our own interests, it is a safeguard for our own future to give the underprivileged children of our land a better chance in life."

Charles M. Sheldon, author of *In His Steps*: "Would the war lords have risen to such ghastly power if the rank and file of so-called civilized human beings that boast of science and power had emphasized the things of the Spirit instead of the material things that Jesus condemned?"

D. Homer Kendall, pastor of the United Brethren Church, Keedysville, Md.: "Home missions have helped denominations grow, they have returned the investment dollar for dollar, and from a survey of the facts today, it is apparent that home missions are still needed."

Leo Heintz, pastor Lutheran Church, Grand Ledge, Mich.: "As our country girds itself for war, so the church is girding itself to do its part in winning America for Christ."—*P. Voice.*

Requests For Prayer

We receive many requests for the salvation of relatives, loved ones, and friends, also for urgent unspoken requests. There are so many of these requests it is impossible to publish them, but we ask that all take these to heart and earnestly pray that the Lord will answer prayer in their behalf. In order for requests to be published they must be signed.

Pray For

A very special unspoken request. —Mrs. Verla Mae Helms, 111 Washington St., Monroe, N. C.

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My husband.—Mrs. R. K. Young, Lake City, S. C.

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The complete healing of my mother, Mrs. F. E. Hatcher, who has a cancer.—L. L. Neal, Princeton, W. Va.

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A friend of Mrs. Smith, Lansing, Mich.

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My mother, Mrs. G. W. Gowers, who is paralyzed in her right side due to cerebral hemorrhage; my brother who is in the navy, Paul E. Gowers.—W. A. Gowers, 219 Country Club Rd., Louisville, Ky.

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My healing of poison stomach. Letters of information and encouragement will be appreciated.—Rev. Waldron Asher, Sampson, Ky.

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Me to be healed of sinus trouble with which I have been sick all winter; my children to get back to God.—Sister Annie Cutt, 407 N. Parkhill, W. Frankfort, Ill.

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Mrs. Nancy Hurton, 3149 Matilda St., Coconut Grove, Fla., who is so ill until she can hardly breathe at times.—Mrs. Maggie Purvis, 2385 N. W. 68th St., Miami, Fla.

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The complete healing of my body.—Mrs. Vertie Harkins, Rt. 3, Calhoun, Ga.

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Me to be healed of a goiter and cancer; my husband and daughters to be saved.—Mrs. G. W. Tobb, Mulberry, Ark.

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My niece to be healed of a cancer on her neck. She has been having hemorrhages. My husband to be saved; my baby to be healed of asthma; Betty Joe Barry who is in the hospital with sugar diabetes. —Edna McLin.

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The healing of my eyes; my daughter who seems to have forgotten her blessed Savior.—Mrs. Cora McDade, Box 165, Yancy, Ky.

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The healing of my mother, who is in bed with high blood and kidney trouble; the healing of my daddy's eyes; my loved ones to be saved; an unspoken request.—Mrs. Bessie Driggers, House 1603, Winnsboro, S. C.

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Me to be healed of pellagra.—Mrs. Joe Smith, Rt. 1, Coldwater, Miss.

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The healing of my body of something like epileptic fits.—Miss Emma Gene McCall, Box 143, Williamston, S. C.

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God to undertake for our daughter.—Mr. Arthur Parmley, 14403 Ashland Ave., Harvey, Ill.

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Mrs. Anna E. Johnson to be healed of smothering spells, nervousness, and stomach trouble.—Charles E. Johnson, Herod, Ill.

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Our daughter, Lois Tippett, who has been afflicted since January.—Adam Tippett, Alarka, N. C.

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Sister Rose Sinor.—Rev. W. T. Dodson, Locust Grove, Okla.

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My daughter to regain her eyesight. She has lost one eye and the other is getting weaker.—Mrs. I. W. Pugh, 418 S. 8th St., Vinton, Va.

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God to undertake for me. I am in a backslidden condition.—George Dyson, Darlove, Miss.

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My healing. My back gave way where it had been broken.—M. A. Tate, Mabscott, W. Va.

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Me to be healed of many ailments.—Mrs. Jim Ammons, Wolf Mountain, N. C.

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The healing of Ollie Seabolt who seems to have T.B.; the healing of my daughter's body; three special unspoken requests.—Mrs. Lena Reece, Rt. 1, Blairsville, Ga.

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My daughter and her husband. She has rheumatism and her husband has leakage of the heart.—E. C. Dedge, Haylow, Ga.

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My daughter to be healed of head trouble; my husband to be saved; the revival at the Providence Church of God. —Mrs. L. M. Lee, Rt. 3, Concord, Tex.

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Me to be healed of cancer; my daughter-in-law who is in bad health.—Mrs. J. W. Brake, Rt. 2, Butler, Ga.

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My healing, also my soul to be saved. —Mrs. J. W. Rogers, R.F.D. 3, Box 44, Richton, Miss.

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Brother J. C. Cox, of Hudson, Fla., also his wife.—H. L. Sorrow, Tarpon Springs, Fla.

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The healing of my body, I have something wrong with my stomach and head; my loved ones and friends to be saved. —Mrs. Julia Ingham Jones, Rt. 3, Box 113, Plant City, Fla.

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The healing of a sore on my leg near the ankle.—Effie O. Gregory, Box 41, Belgrade, Mo.

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My healing, as I am in a very rundown condition, also that I will receive the Holy Ghost.—Mrs. James J. Martin, Box 522, Harrison, Idaho.

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Mrs. Paul Brown, as she has high blood pressure.—Paul J. Brown, Gen. Del., Drumright, Okla.

Trusting the Lord

ODESSA, Tex.—Dear Saints, I came to Odessa two years ago for my wife's health as she had a paralytic stroke three years ago. Praise the Lord, she is able to walk without crutches. We are trusting the Lord for our healing. I know the Lord can heal. I was stricken down and they thought I was dead but Brother Suiter, of Hobbs, N. Mex., and Brother Hargraves, S. S. and Y. P. E. superintendent, and Brother Simms and his wife held on to the Lord for me until the Lord healed me. Praise His name!

We have been praying for a Church of God here for two years. Brother T. M. White, our overseer of Big Spring, Tex., district, appointed Brother Simms as our pastor. We bought two lots and a church which was partly built, and we have the church built. We are trusting the Lord that many souls will be saved and we can get a church set in order. Pray for the work here.—A. P. Ealon and wife, Box 2121.

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JEFFERSON, S. C.—We have just closed a revival with Brother R. C. Hodges doing the preaching. The Lord blessed. There were ten saved, three sanctified, one filled with the Holy Ghost and the saints revived. Brother Hodges surely did some good preaching, which was enjoyed by all. Pray for the church at Jefferson.—Mrs. J. A. Byrd.

REVIVALS

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. — We truly praise God for the revival He gave us at Fort Lauderdale. Brother D. B. Yow, of East Chattanooga, Tenn., was our evangelist. He was surely anointed by the Holy Ghost as he gave out the messages each evening. It was wonderful how God worked night after night. The Spirit would sweep through our midst and a sweet heavenly atmosphere hovered around us until we could say with many others, "It was good to be there," especially when Brother Yow would sing "Have a Little Talk With Jesus." Many were saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. One Christian Church minister and wife saw the light on holiness and are still seeking the Holy Ghost. They are so hungry for the blessing. The Lord blessed in a wonderful way in the healing service. One brother was to be operated on the next day but the Lord healed him completely. There was one lady healed of cancer. It was a wonderful service. Brother Yow's efforts, through the anointing of the Spirit, certainly proved a blessing to our church and words cannot express the blessings we obtained from this revival.

Our good pastor and wife, Brother and Sister Vep Ellis, seem to have the work at Fort Lauderdale at heart and are doing their best to help us. Pray for us at Fort Lauderdale, that our church will continue to shine for the glory of God.—Bera McMillan Schnorr.

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DIVIDING RIDGE, Tenn. — The Holy Ghost was with us through a three weeks' revival. We praise the Lord for the many souls which prayed through to victory under the powerful preaching of our district overseer, Rev. A. J. Swift. There were twenty-two saved, twenty-two sanctified, eleven filled with the Holy Ghost and ten added to the church. The revival spirit is still great. The Lord is still blessing our church with the messages our pastor, T. L. Phillips, is bringing.—Z. T. Raulston.

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COBBTOWN, Ga.—I would like to sound a note of praise against the devil for the revival the dear Lord blessed us with at Hillside. The devil has told several that we couldn't have a revival any more, but, praise the Lord, he was defeated for we have just closed a revival with Brother J. B. Robinson in charge. The saints were renewed in the Spirit and there were four saved, two sanctified and two baptized with the Holy Ghost. One brother had been seeking the blessing for thirteen years, and another ten years. They both received the Holy Ghost. One was added to the church.

We praise the Lord for Brother Robinson and his family. We also praise the Lord for our pastor, A. G. Carroll. Pray for our church.—Lora Dowd.

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CROPWELL, Ala.—I am reporting a very successful revival here at the Coosa Valley Church of God. Our evangelist was Rev. Rowe Woodard. The preaching was under the anointing of the Holy Ghost. Two were saved, three sanctified, four filled with the Holy Ghost and six added to the chutrch, for which we praise the Lord. The church was greatly encouraged. We feel like going forward for Jesus. We had with us some people from Talladega, who helped us.

Brother and Sister Woodard can pick the guitar and sing. We surely appreciate them; they were a blessing to us. We are expecting greater things from the Lord in the future. Pray for us, that we will always stay on fire for God and win many souls for Him.—Lester Vollrath, clerk, Rt. 2.

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WESTWEGO, La.—We had a grand revival conducted by Brother George Hemphill. The Lord blessed in a wonderful way. Some were saved, seven filled with the Holy Ghost and the saints wonderfully blessed. Everyone please pray for our little church as we are few in number and need your prayers. We enjoyed knowing Brother Hemphill and his family and regretted their departure, but should we not see them again here, we hope to meet them in that better land.—Mrs. J. O. Pearson, Rt. 1, Box 681, Sta. A, New Orleans, La.

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FROSTPROOF, Fla.—Praise God for the good three and a half weeks' revival conducted by Brother Brooks Youngblood, of Georgia. He did some wonderful preaching under the mighty power of God, and his singing and music was enjoyed. The Lord met with us in a mighty way. The last night the Holy Ghost took charge and there was no sermon. Hungry hearts filled the altar. Several prayed through. We had wonderful cooperation from both laity and pastor. Fifteen were saved, six sanctified, seven filled with the Holy Ghost, nine baptized in water, and eight added to the church. We appreciate our pastor, Brother Maxey Thomas. We are very much encouraged.—Belle Godwin.

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EAST RICHMOND, Va.—We thank and praise our wonderful Savior for the rich blessings He so graciously bestowed on the East Richmond Church of God during a recent three weeks' revival, conducted by Sister Ann Brown, of Atlanta, Ga. Each evening she brought forth a powerful and inspirational message under the anointing of the Holy Ghost. Souls were greatly blessed and drawn closer to God. We have a greater determination than ever to press on for God and heaven. Praise God for victory and His sweet presence we feel so near us.

Praise God for the six souls saved, five sanctified and eight baptized with the precious Holy Ghost. Three united with our church. Three who received the Holy Ghost united with South Richmond Church of God as they lived in that district.

We are looking for Sister Brown's return this month for another week's meeting. Praise God for our pastor and his wife, Brother and Sister George H. Mitchell. Pray for all of us and our work for Christ, as we are being tried and tested.—Sister Charles Palmore, Jr., 319 North 29th St.

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YAZOO CITY, Miss.—A revival has just closed here in which many souls were blessed. Some were saved, others blessed, and the saints encouraged. A wonderful spirit flowed from heart to heart. Brother A. D. Gammill was the evangelist. He preached the whole Word of truth. Souls were stirred and conviction gripped the hearts of people until the last night. We appreciate Brother Gammill and welcome him back. Some good seed were sown that we feel will spring up in the near future.

We also appreciate the good special singing rendered by Brother and Sister Julius Hammack. Our state overseer, Brother Clyde C. Cox, was with us one night and preached a wonderful message. Pray for us, that God will give us more souls, and pray for our good faithful pastor and his wife, Brother and Sister A. B. Everett, who have been a blessing to us. —Mrs. W. J. Taylor, clerk.

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PELL CITY, Ala.—I'm happy to report a good revival which closed Saturday night, May 2, with Rev. Marvin Johns as evangelist. This was a very needy revival and the church was revived much.

Brother Johns is a wonderful preacher in the Spirit to be young in the way, also a good singer. The Holy Ghost took charge part of the time and God surely blessed. We especially thank God for our pastor and his wife, Brother and Sister Peoples. They are steadfast and unmoveable. Saints everywhere, pray for our work here that the Church of God will shine in Pell City.—Mrs. E. D. Carreker, Eden, Ala.

Reports from the Field

Mortgage Burns in Canada

WINDSOR, Ont., Can.—Allow me a little space in one of the best papers in the world to report a few things God has done for us here in Windsor, Ontario.

We have labored under some adverse conditions and yet God has been with us. We were able to pay out over five hundred dollars on our church in about fifteen months, so that on March 14 we had a mortgage burning ceremony. Brother E. O. Kerce conducted this service for us, also preached a wonderful sermon. We had a number of the Michigan preachers with us also and they all gave good testimonies. We had a full house that night, too (a rare occasion).

The Michigan folks gave us a fellowship meeting last year. We have good fellowship with our neighbors in Michigan. Elder Morton preached for us the night we burned the mortgage. He is the Church of God in Christ minister. We have been asked to preached for other Pentecost people and, of course, we preached and have been invited to preach for them again next Monday in a new place. We are in a revival here at present. The meeting is good. Evangelist Noel W. Lowe, of Evansville, Ind., is doing the preaching. Everyone pray for us in our efforts here.—M. L. Lowe, pastor, 650 Chatham, E.

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PERRY, Okla.—On my arrival here, February 26, we found the church house doors locked. It had been sometime since there had been services there, so we began to work and pray about the matter. We began a revival on March 17 with Sister Addie Mooneyham, of Harrah, Oklahoma, as our evangelist. The results were one saved and two filled with the Holy Ghost, but we feel the best of all was that the church has again been drawn together to work for Jesus. Praise His holy name. Sister Mooneyham's son, T. D., and his wife were also a blessing with their singing.

Again on May 3 at the close of a most blessed district convention, Sister Fannie Barnes, of Pawnee, Oklahoma, preached only one week for us and nine were saved, four sanctified, and one filled with the Holy Ghost. We have gained seven new members since I came to this place, of whom four are preachers.

Pray for this district, that we may get more churches. We are surely encouraged to work because the day is so short.—Odell N. Vanderburg.

Fellowship Meeting at Lincoln Center, Maine

We praise the Lord for the privilege of having the Church of God fellowship meeting at our church on April 20, conducted by Rev. J. Stewart Brinsfield, state overseer.

We had morning, afternoon, Y. P. E. and evening services, all very well attended, with visitors from all over Maine and Massachusetts present.

In the morning Brother Kimball gave a splendid message, followed in the afternoon by a very instructive message by Brother Clark, of Pontiac, Michigan. In the evening our hearts were encouraged by the inspiring message of Sister R. E. Justin, of Augusta, Maine. Sister Lovina Box is doing a work of worthy mention in the Y. P. E.

We feel highly favored in having Brother J. T. Murray as our pastor.

We covet the prayers of all the readers, that the Lord's blessing may be upon the Church of God in Maine.—Dorothy A. Nash.

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The Church of God at Hot Springs is moving on in the Lord. We have taken on new courage and zeal in the last few days. Brother Ramsey, our state overseer, was with us for a week in a time when we really did need him. The presence of the good Holy Ghost was manifested in a very wonderful way and the church was edified and blessed.

We do thank the Lord for Brother and Sister Ramsey and we are happy to be in the state with them to help put the Church program over the top one hundred per cent.

We have a wonderful group of fellow pastors in New Mexico, good brothers in the Lord with whom we are happy to work.—Hilton Vail, pastor.

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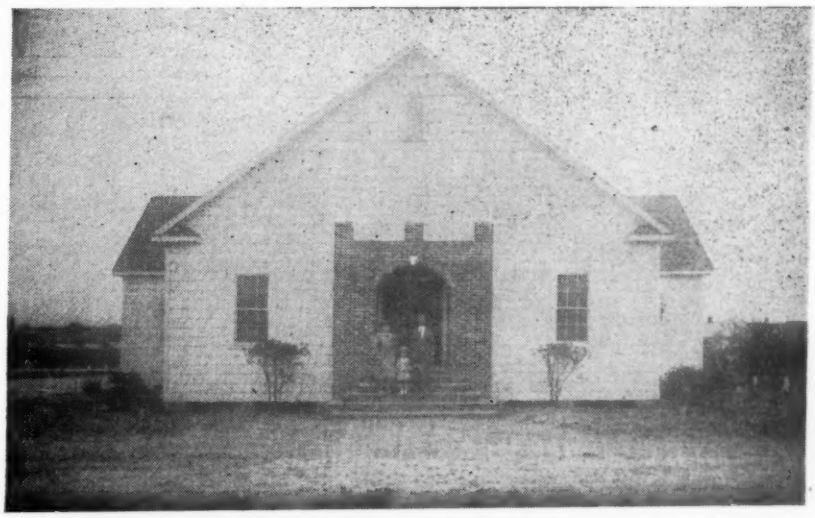
ROCKINGHAM, N. C.—We recently had an all-day service in our new church. Our offering on that day was $425.00 cash for the building fund. The Lord surely gave us a wonderful time. We had about two hundred and fifty in attendance.—Roland Verrico, pastor.

THE NEW CHURCH OF GOD AT DILLON, SOUTH CAROLINA



New church building in Dillon, S. C., completed at a cost of $3,500 and dedicated Dec. 7, 1941, by Rev. J. H. Walker, General Overseer, and Rev. M. P. Cross, state overseer. It is located on Second Avenue which is also U. S. Highway No. 1, the main highway from Miami, Florida, to New York. This church has one of the best locations in the movement.

It has an auditorium 40x60 with five Sunday school rooms and a pastor's study. The floor and choir are elevated. Each wing has folding doors, opening into the auditorium. It has a Butane gas heating plant costing $500. We plan to brick veneer it soon. We have 12,000 bricks on the yard. On the day of the dedication there were 349 in Sunday school. The average attendance for last assembly year was 200. We have the largest attendance in Dillon, a city of 5,000.

We have just closed a revival here with seventy-seven saved, fifty-five sanctified, twenty-nine filled with the Holy Ghost, twenty-six added to the church, and the revival spirit is still on.—J. B. Cole, pastor.

Why God Chose Speaking in Tongues as the Initial Evidence of the Baptism With the Holy Spirit, Or Did He?

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Jesus. After asking, "Who shall deliver me from the body of this death?" (Rom. 7:24), he cried out in glad triumph, "I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord" (V. 25). "The law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death" (Chap. 8:2). No! man cannot control the tongue! But, thank God, there is One who can! even our Lord Jesus Christ, through the power of the Holy Spirit!

In seeking the baptism of the Holy Spirit, we usually go through a sanctifying experience. Says the Spirit, "What about that tobacco?" All right, Lord, here it goes on the altar. "Now, what about that hatred in your heart?" All right, Lord, here it goes on the altar. "Now, that personal ambition of yours? Are you willing to give it all up to serve Me?" Oh yes, Lord! anything and everything, if you'll just fill me with the Holy Spirit! Now you've yielded everything but the most wicked, most destructive part of you—the tongue. "All right now," says the Spirit, "let's have that tongue." Oh no, Lord! I've enjoyed that tongue for thirty years talking about folks, and I just can't give it up now. "Very well, no tongue—no Holy Ghost!" And when finally the struggle is over and we yield that wicked member up to God, what glories do flow—brother, when God gets the tongue He's got the man! The speaking in other tongues is a clear and logical evidence that a higher power than man has taken control of you, to rule, guide, govern, bless, and use! and He can't use you till He gets the tongue. You are now a "perfect man," (James 3:2) "and able also to bridle the whole body"—providing you just let the Holy Spirit KEEP that tongue.

Third reason—Jesus is a person. The Holy Spirit is a person—the third person of the glorious Triune Godhead. Jesus said, "If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my father will love him, and WE will come unto him, and MAKE OUR ABODE with him." John 14:23. He also said, "He (the Holy Spirit) dwelleth with you and shall be IN you," V. 17. Yes, the Holy Spirit is a PERSON and that person comes and DWELLS IN US. Paul said, "Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?" (1 Cor. 3:16). And again, "What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which IS IN YOU—" (1 Cor. 6:19). Then what more natural and logical, when this divine being comes to take up His abode within you, than that He should manifest His presence by speaking? And since He comes in spirit form to dwell in YOUR body, He will naturally use YOUR tongue!

Jesus said, "The words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself: but the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works" (John 14:10). Acts 2:4 tells us that "they began to speak with other tongues as THE SPIRIT gave utterance."

The writer can personally testify that from the time he received the baptism with the Holy Spirit he has been conscious at all times, especially while preaching, singing, or praying, of another person dwelling in his innermost being, speaking in other tongues and glorifying God while he spoke in English. Often this anointing becomes so heavy that it is difficult to continue to speak in a known language. Yes, the speaking in other tongues is a logical, reasonable, and most glorious evidence that the Spirit of the living God has come to His temple to dwell.

District Conventions

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he is doing in the State, and especially in Southeast Mo." Sister Morehead worked untiringly, assisting with the music and singing. Their children rendered several songs that were enjoyed by everyone.

Others who sang were Brother Younger, Brother J. L. Dorman's daughter, Sister Odessa White of Braggadocio, the Gospel Harmony Girls Quartet of Vicksburg, the Garrett brothers of Little River, and Rev. Earl Golden, pastor of Rouggley, in the Cantwell district, singing with the Vicksburg trio made up a quartet.

Our mission offering was $50.00, and our orphanage offering was $11.36. These are the largest offerings we have ever had.

The reports were very encouraging. Every church on the district is looking forward to greater things.

We appreciate our district pastor, Rev. B. W. Elliott. He is so kind, thoughtful and ready to sacrifice for the churches.

We are praying that the Lord will give us a season of revivals throughout this entire district.—Miss Carrie Ledbetter.

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Kannapolis, N. C., Dist. Convention

Another great convention is now history. The Kannapolis district convention convened at the Kannapolis church, May 2 and 3.

The convention opened Saturday evening with songs of praise and shouts of victory. The presence and power of God was prevalent from the opening of the first song until the last amen was given. Special singing throughout the convention, rendered by the church quartet, trios and visiting singers, added greatly to its success.

Wonderful messages were brought by Rev. G. D. Lemons and Brother Ellis. Brother Ellis' messages showed us that it is the duty of every true child of God to have an interest in every department of the Church. God set His approval on this well delivered message. The mission offering for the district was $315.66, for which we praise the Lord.

The afternoon service was greatly enjoyed. Brother Ellis gave instructions to all the clerks and ministers. We appreciate the work of every pastor on the district. God has graciously blessed their labors this year.

We also appreciate our state overseer and his faithfulness and interest in the work. May the Lord bless him in this great work.—Evis Chandler.

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Jal, N. Mex., District Convention

The Jal district convention has come and gone but is not forgotten. We had the convention here in Jal, April 24-26, under the leadership of our beloved state overseer, Brother H. E. Ramsey.

The Lord was with us in each service. Brother N. L. Suiter, pastor of Hobbs, brought the message Friday night.

There was the sweetest spirit throughout the day Saturday. Everyone met early for the good play the Y. P. E. put on, entitled "A Search in Vain," after which Brother Fitzgerald, pastor of Brownfield, brought a soul-stirring message. An offering for missions was taken which was $25.00.

We had a wonderful service Sunday morning, Brother Ramsey brought the message on, "Order in the House of God." Dinner was spread, after which each returned to his respective place.

Pray for us way out here in the West. —L. C. Pennington.

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Chicago, Ill., District Convention

I know you will rejoice with me to know how the work is progressing in Chicago. We had a real district convention with large crowds. Our esteemed overseer brought us a wonderful message on Sunday morning and we took a mission offering of $54.00.

Our pastor, Rev. A. G. Phillips, and wife are doing a fine work. They came here after the last Assembly and in six months' time raised $150.00 on a church. We have a fine Sunday school, a live Y. P. E., also a Junior Y. P. E. I am proud of the work in Chicago. I see it growing by leaps and bounds.—Amelia Shumaker.

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Bluefield, Va., District Convention

The Bluefield district convention con-

vened at Adria, Va., April 17-19, with Brother W. E. Johnson, state overseer, and W. T. Morefield, district overseer, in charge. The Spirit of the Lord rested upon us from the beginning of the service to the handshakes and last good-byes. It was marvelous to see the love and fellowship as the house overflowed with people from all over the state. God opened the windows and let the spiritual rain fall as hungry hearts were fed on the good Word of God.

Inspiring and Spirit-sent messages were brought throughout the entire convention by the following visiting ministers: Newton Ward, of Roanoke; H. D. Statum, of War, W. Va.; E. O. Sells, of St. Charles; H. D. Morris, of Saltville; T. J. Meade, of Princeton, W. Va., and V. W. Thomas, of Beckley, W. Va.

The Sunday morning service met the approval of all. The church was filled and it seemed heaven was swinging low. The sermon by our state overseer just before noon gripped the hearts of the people with a mission spirit and a mission offering of $262.22 was given.

We feel that each one returned to his post of duty with a feeling of deeper unity and a greater determination to work for God and His Church.—Misses Anne Morefield and Geneva Phillips.

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Houston, Tex., S. S. and Y. P. E. District Convention

Our Sunday school and Y.P.E. convention was held at Houston No. 1, May 1-3. It was a wonderful convention with God blessing in a great way, both spiritually and financially. A wonderful fellowship was manifested throughout our convention. There was good spiritual singing and preaching. The Port Arthur Y.P.E. put on a short play and there was a good altar service.

Of the fourteen districts in the state, our district ranks twelfth, but first, to date, in finance with this convention, raising for missions, Orphanage, etc., $310.46. Praise the Lord from whom all blessings flow.

Brother Vessie D. Hargraves, state Sunday school and Y. P. E. superintendent, was in charge. He is a great blessing to Texas in this work.—T. A. Perkins.

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Lawrenceville, Ill., Dist. Convention

The Lawrenceville district convention held at Olney, Ill., May 24-26, was a success in every way. The saints went back home filled with more of the power of God, determined to fight this fight to the end. The power of God came down in a mighty way and there were shouts and praising God for His goodness. Every speaker was at his best. Speakers taking part were W. Aldrich, pastor of Chauncey; Bertis Hughes, Jr., pastor of Bridgefort; W. R. Anderson, pastor of Lawrenceville; J. R. Freeman; J. L. Summers, of Carmi; E. E. Summers, of Urbana; T. L. Forester, of East Alton; and H. O. Harris, state overseer. Oran R. White gave an inspiring talk on Sunday school. The welcome address was given by Edith White. All were made to feel welcome. Our mission offering more than doubled last year's offering, for which we thank God. We thank God for such good people as there are on this district. —B. M. White.

Ranger, Tex., District Convention

We are happy to report the district convention which convened in Ranger, Tex., April 17-19. A good delegation met for the first services. Rev. C. E. Neal brought a very interesting message. Saturday night and Sunday morning our beloved state overseer, Rev. T. W. Godwin, brought soul-stirring messages. Rev. A. R. Mitchell preached Saturday morning. Delegates visiting with us were: Rev. W. M. Ford, Burkburnett, Tex.; Rev.

The Church of God On the Air

We would appreciate it if those who have broadcasts announced in the Evangel would please let us know when you discontinue them. We do not wish to carry a delinquent list of broadcasts and have no way of knowing if you do not notify us.

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Clovis, Friant, and Calwa, Clif., over station KFRE, Fresno, 1350 Kc. From 3:30-4:00 p. m. each Sunday. T. D. Jones, Rev. Murphy, and Sister Stockeles, pastors.

Ennis, Tex., over station KAND, Corsicana, Tex. Each Sunday at 2:00-2:30 p. m. CWT. Rev. G. W. Alford, pastor.

Griffin, Ga., over station WKEV. Each Sunday afternoon from 3:00-4:00 p. m. EWT. Rev. Hoyt Odom, pastor.

N. Flint, Mich., over station WMPC, 1220 Kc., Lapeer, Mich. Each Tuesday afternoon from 5:00-5:30 p. m. Rev. W. M. Barnard, pastor.

N. Flint, Mich., Y. P. E., over station WMPC, Lapeer, Mich. First Tuesday in each month. Mr. Leo Stien, Y.P.E. president, in charge.

East Chattanooga, Tenn., over station WAPO, Chattanooga, 1150 Kc. Each week day at 10:00-10:30 a. m.; each Sunday at 7:00-7:30 a. m. D. B. Yow, pastor.

Brunswick, Ga., over WMOG, Brunswick, Ga., each Sunday morning 9:00-9:30 Eastern Standard War Time. Solomon Scalf, pastor.

Greenville, S. C., over station WMRC, 1390 Kc. Each Sunday morning from 7:30-8:30, EWT. J. T. Roberts, pastor.

Kannapolis, N. C., over station WSPT, Salisbury, N. C. Each Sunday from 9:00-9:45 a. m. A. V. Childers, pastor.

McVeigh, Ky., over station WBTH, Williamson, W. Va. Each Saturday at 8:15 a. m. Edd Cox, pastor.

Wallace, Idaho, over station KWAL, Wallace. Each Sunday from 12:30-1:00 p. m. Sister Katherine Blom, pastor.

Salem, Ore., over station KSLM, Salem. From 3:00-3:15 p. m. each Sunday. Cleo Watts, pastor.

Ferndale, Mich., over station WEXL, Royal Oak, Mich. Each Sunday from 5:15-5:30 p. m. Each Wednesday from 8:45-9:00 p. m. T. J. Thibodeau, pastor.

North Chattanooga, Tenn., over station WAPO, Chattanooga, 1150 Kc. Each Saturday from 12:30-1:00 p. m. Robt. E. Blackwood, pastor.

Canton, Ohio, over station WAKR, 1590 Kc. Each Sunday morning from 7:00-7:30 direct from the church. J. H. Hughes, pastor.

LaGrange, Ga., 1240 Kc. Each Sunday from 9:30-10:00 a. m. E.S. War Time. Vance Perkins, pastor.

Findlay, Ohio, Sunday school over station WFIN, 1330 Kc. Each Sunday at 8:45 a. m. D. G. Phillips, pastor and teacher.

Toccoa, Ga., over station WRLC, Toccoa, Ga. Each third Sunday at 4:15 p. m. W. H. Godwin, pastor.

Carriers Mills, Ill., over station WEBQ, Harrisburg, Ill. Each Saturday from 10:00-10:30 a. m. Leonard Newton, pastor.

Rev. H. L. Whittington and the LeFevre Trio, Atlanta, Ga., over station WGST. Each Sunday morning from 8:00-8:30 E.S.T.

Each Sunday afternoon from 3:00-4:00, E.S.T., over station WAGA.

Atlantic City, N. J., over WFPG, 1450 Kc. Each Sunday afternoon from 2:00-2:30 o'clock. Carl J. Hughes, pastor.

Illinois, over WEBQ, Harrisburg, Ill. Each Saturday morning from 10:00-10:30. H. O. Harris, overseer of Illinois.

Valdosta, Ga., over station WGOV, Valdosta. Each Sunday afternoon from 3:30-4:00 o'clock, E.S.T. L. P. Shaw, pastor.

Carmi, Ill., over station WEBQ, Harrisburg, Ill. Each Friday morning from 10:00-10:30. J. L. Summers, pastor.

Pratt City, Ala., over station WSGN, Birmingham, 6100 Kc. Daily broadcast from church 4:00-4:30 p. m. Sunday broadcast 3:30-4:00 p. m. C. T. Douglas and A. M. Phillips in charge.

Benton, Ill. Each Monday from 10:00 10:30 a. m., over WEBQ, Harrisburg.

Warren, Ohio, district over station WRRN, 1400 Kc. Each Friday from 10:30-11:00 p. m. J. A. Lewis, pastor.

Cincinnati, Ohio, over WCPO, 1230 Kc. Each Sunday night from 9:30-10:00. Cincinnati church band and quartet will be on this broadcast with us every service. R. J. Staats, pastor.

North Rome, Ga., over station WRGA, Rome, 1500 Kc. Each Monday morning from 10:30-11:00, E.S.T. Linwood Jacobs, pastor.

Vulcan and Delbarton, W. Va., over station WBTH, Williamson, 1400 Kc., 250 watts. Each Sunday from 2:00-3:00 p. m. H. H. Tygart, Vulcan, W. Va., and W. H. Compton, Delbarton, W. Va., pastors.

Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., over station WFTL, Ft. Lauderdale, 1410 Kc. Each Sunday at 7:15 p. m. V. B. Ellis, pastor.

Decatur, Ala., over station WMSL, 1400 Kc. Each week day at 4:30 p. m. Each Sunday at 8:30 a. m. Albert Batts, pastor.

North Cleveland, Tenn., over station WBLJ, Dalton, Ga., 1230 Kc. Each Sunday from 1:00-2:00 p. m. Services broadcast direct from the church. F. R. Harrawood, pastor.

Lindale, Ga., over station WRGA. Each Saturday from 10:30-11:00 a. m. E. S. T. H. T. Durden, pastor.

Cedartown, Ga., over station WGAA. Each Sunday from 5:05-5:30 p. m. E. S. T. H. T. Durden, pastor.

Minot, N. Dak., over station KLPM, 1390 Kc. Each Thursday from 8:30-9:00 p. m. Lemuell Johnson, pastor.

Gainesville, Ga., over station WGGA, Gainesville. Each Sunday from 5:30-6:00 p.m. R. O. Calaway, pastor.

Wilmington, N. C., over station WMFD, Wilmington, 1400 Kc. Each Sunday from 5:00-5:15 p.m. V. D. Combs, pastor.

Logan, W. Va. district, over station WLOG, Logan, 1220 Kc. Each Sunday from 3:00-4:00 p. m. C. R. Cook, district pastor.

Memphis, Tenn., over station WMPS, Memphis, 1460 Kc., 1000 watts. Each Sunday from 2:00-2:30 p.m. C. J. Hindmon, pastor.

North and West Knoxville Churches over station WNOX, Knoxville, Tenn., 990 on your dial. Each Saturday morning from 10:05-10:30. G. W. Hodges and J. D. Wilson, pastors.

The Klaudt Trio, over station KGCU, Mondan, N. Dak. Each Sunday from 4:00-5:00 p.m. C.S.T. R. H. Klaudt, evangelist, Mercer, N. Dak.

T. M. White, Big Spring, Tex.; Rev. Ernest Smith, Minerals, Texas; and Rev. L. C. Pennington, Jal, N. Mex. There may have been others whom I failed to remember. We appreciate having these brethren with us.

Our orphanage offering was $21.32, offering for state overseer, $15.05, mission offering $41.80. This is far better than last year. There are only three small churches on the Ranger district. None of these churches has a membership of as many as eighty members, probably all three churches not exceeding one hundred and fifty members. I think this is a grand report, considering our location and membership. Please pray for us.—M. E. Drake.

Editorially Speaking

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reward, is found in the words of Paul: "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing," 2 Tim. 4:7, 8.

Church Has Phenomenal Growth On Atlanta District

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title of "The Victory Four." They are also becoming very popular on the radio. There are four radio stations in the City of Atlanta and three of these carry Church of God programs.

Genuine Teamwork

There is always a reason for everything, therefore something must be found as a basis for this marvelous success that is so remarkably showing itself on the Atlanta district. What is it? First, both Brother Watson and Brother Whittington are brimful of energy and this energy is finding an outlet in work for God and His Church. What time they are not in actual service, they are planning ways and means for the furtherance of the gospel and the establishment of new churches. They are all out for the Church. Second, any spirit of jealousy on the part of either is utterly lacking, either of each other or of other ministers who are working on the district, pastoring churches, running missions, or conducting revivals. All are working in perfect harmony. Every wheel of this machine is well oiled with the oil of unity, giving maximum production without any friction.

Third, and perhaps the greatest reason for this marvelous success is teamwork. This was suggested to the pastor of the Hemphill church, and he replied, "Well anybody on earth could get along good with Brother Watson. He is the finest fellow I know." A reply from Brother Watson, who is also the district overseer, would certainly be reciprocal, for both are working hand in hand for the mutual benefit of all the churches on the district, their pastor, and the Church as a whole.

May God's richest blessings continue to flow down the channel that leads to the Atlanta district and keep it glowing and prospering until He shall be pleased to send His Son again to gather His precious jewels, a large group of which shall certainly be garnered from Atlanta and its environs.

Mission Page

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tized members and many followers, and one at Chateblair with eleven baptized members, many followers, and the converts that have just come forward. With one or two meeting rooms of our own, I am sure our work there will soon greatly increase.—Faithfully His and yours, J. B. Winter, overseer of Barbados, St. Vincent, Dominca, and St. Lucia.

My Call to the Army of My Lord

In the year 1938, at the age of nineteen, I saw that I was lost, hopeless, without God and going down to a devil's hell. I got in touch with the supply office of which God was the Maker and through the blood of Jesus Christ His Son He cleansed me from all sin and unrighteousness.

I am now in the army of God; the battle is on with Jesus Christ the Captain, the Leader of us all. I am fighting for a kingdom to come, that blessed home beyond the blue sky. I am ready to go.

I am also a soldier for my country in the state of California. God's blessings are falling in my soul, lifting me up above the shadows, planting my feet on higher ground. Pray for me. I belong to the Church of God at Benton, Illinois.—A soldier boy and brother in Christ, Ernest E. Cluck, Serial No. 36046644, Co. E 47th Engrs., A. P. O. 7, San Jose, Calif.

My Experience With Jesus

HARLAN, Ky.—My experience with God is more than tongue can express. Praise His good name. God has been so good to me and blessed me in so many ways. I was saved in 1938 and I made a vow to God if He would have me I would do what He bid me.

God sent conviction upon my heart when I was fifteen years old and blessed my soul. I was baptized and had in my mind and heart to serve God, but, dear saints of God, I did the thing that the majority of the people of God do today, I neglected to pray enough. Although I didn't quit serving God completely, yet I was not doing what He wanted me to do. I have been serving God for three years or more now and have just got to where I can serve God in the way He wants me to. I am earnestly seeking the Holy Ghost and expect God to pour heaven down and fill me with the Holy Ghost.

Friends, I have found by experience that the keynote to heaven is prayer. God doesn't want people who are too lazy to pray; God wants the Church of God people to be ambitious and put Him first. Oh, dear saints of God, how sweet it is to trust in Jesus. When the storm-clouds hang low and when death comes to our door, we can look up and say, "God, I am trusting Thee." Saints of God, it pays to trust Jesus and if you do not serve Him and live clean you can't trust Him.

When I look through the Evangel and see the many requests for prayer for sickness and different things, it breaks my heart at times. Brother, God will frown on you if you do not get a prayer through to glory for those people. God has frowned on me and as long as I live I pray to God that He will never have to again. May we consider ourselves just as we are and may we think just a minute —if death should strike us, would we be ready to leave without any bad comments? Dear Evangel readers, be ye also ready and let us all be a great army of soldiers for God, and when you pray remember that God will frown on you if you do not obey Him and keep the royal telephone working. Please pray that I will do God's will.—W. M. Richardson, Jr.

My Redeemer Liveth

OPELIKA, Ala.—I am sounding a note of praise for my Redeemer who still liveth. About seven years ago God wonderfuly saved my soul, sanctified and filled me with the Holy Ghost and put a determination in my heart to serve Him and to suffer for Him. I thank and praise Him for His keeping power and because this new year finds me trying to press on to higher heights and deeper depths in the Lord. I need your prayers. Also pray for the work here; the enemy is trying to tear down the work. My heart's desire is to see the work grow and souls be saved. There are so many people going out to meet God unprepared and so little being done to rescue them. Pray that God will send laborers in His vineyard to work and pray that God will show me what my talent is and I will use it and gain some more to go with it so I can hear Him say, "Well done." Pray for my lost loved ones.—Mrs. W. H. McCollum, S. 10th St.